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■ **Checking it twice?** The Division of Consumer Affairs' Toy Recall Task Force is sweeping through more than 250 NJ toy stores to rid the shelves of 10 potentially hazardous toys. During this holiday season, consumers are advised to check items carefully and look at labels for age recommendations. To report an unsafe toy or related injury call 1-800-638-2772. —TRENTON

■ **Newark's Apostles:** Apostles House has been renovated with funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to provide transitional housing for the homeless. Fifteen families will be provided with a long-term living environment due to a partnership between the City of Newark, the Department of Health and Human Services, and HUD. —NEWARK

■ **Tennis Anyone?** The Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs has announced the "Al Ruffin Memorial, Newark Open Tennis Tournament of Champions" to take place from December 14-20 at the Mountaineer Tennis Center on Route 22. For more information call 201-733-3749. —NEWARK

■ **Kwanzaa's Komin':** The Newark Public Library will be celebrating Kwanzaa on December 19 at 7 p.m. with lectures by Cedric McCrester, who will speak on the political and historic significance of Kwanzaa; C. Katunge Mimy who will perform the Kwanzaa ceremony; as well as performances by Maisha Denise Howell and Universal Language. Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 and is based on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, emphasizing the African American Heritage. For more information call 201-733-5411. —NEWARK

Panasonic, NJ Symphony host holiday event

NEWARK — Panasonic Corporation and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra are sponsoring A Gift of Music and Joy at Newark Symphony Hall on December 15. The 3 p.m. concert will follow a 1:30 p.m. party.

Performers include: the Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saens; the Bob Brown Puppets; seasonal music and songs by the Newark Arts High School Chamber Choir; along with a special visit by Santa Claus who will have a gift for every child.

Tempers flare in Plainfield as liquor license transfer is approved

Three Grant Avenue residents arrested

Denise M. Gormain

The Plainfield City Council's approval of a liquor license transfer in the West End prompted three residents to be arrested during a pushing and shouting match with the police after the vote, December 2 outside municipal court chambers.

Three weeks ago a public hearing was held during a regular council meeting to allow the residents to voice their opinions of the impending person to person transfer from

Grant Liquors to JFT Liquors Inc. During the public comment portion of the December 3 meeting, the sentiment was still strong among the citizens in the area of the store, that it should not be opened, due to the negativity it brings to an already problem-plagued area. Many citizens told stories of beer bottles strewn all over neighbors' lawns in plain sight of churchgoers and children as well as people standing around the store drinking their purchases. After seven or more people, including two clergymen, came be-

fore the Council, the measure was approved by a margin of 4 to 3, with Councilman Earl Robinson, owner of a downtown bar, breaking the tie. Before the vote, Robinson stated that the Council couldn't deny the ABC's criteria. He told the audience that the public should have opposed the idea of the store re-opening when the license was up for annual renewal. He also insisted that if the Council did not approve the measure, they would be setting the City up for lawsuit, either by the applicant who met all of the ABC's criteria. He told the audience that the public should have opposed the idea of the store re-opening when the license was up for annual renewal. He also insisted that if the Council did not approve the measure, they would be setting the City up for lawsuit, either by the applicant who met all of the ABC's criteria. (continued on page 3)

United Hospitals president makes order out of chaos

Bernard Dickens at the helm of his ship of success

by Stacey Peterson

NEWARK — An indicted former president, a lack of cash flow, no supplies, and plans for a children's hospital that looked to be stalled indefinitely was what Bernard Dickens had to face when he took over as president of United Hospitals Medical Center in May of 1989. Two years later, the groundbreaking for the \$71.4 million children's hospital is expected in early 1992, and highlights several new programs that started this year, bringing the hospital out of the shadow of the past and onto a bright and positive future.

Dickens said that when he came aboard, one of his first priorities was to restore the credibility to the facility which was facilitated by bringing in a host of "credible people" to manage the hospital. It also meant that he calls "a massive termination of top and middle managers."

Dickens stated that it was imperative to establish a new base and

clean up the troubled Newark-based medical center.

"I came into an organization that was morally and economically bankrupt," he said. "We had a lot of

broken spirits around here."

He said he chose to adopt a "healing style" that would "motivate people to raise this ship above water." He said he has stuck with this style and it has carried him and the hospital a long way. "Now, we have a positive bottom line."



Bernard Dickens

Plainfield Council, administrators still can't settle budget

Cash flow problems pending if budget not adopted soon

by Denise M. Gormain

PLAINFIELD — Another rung of the budget process ladder was slowly climbed on December 4 when the City Council and three members of the administration met to discuss the Council's impending budget cuts and for administrators to present

some information.

City Administrator, Jewel Thompson-Chin, along with Finance Director Nat McBean and comptroller Jerry Ready presented a list of items that need to be added to the fiscal year 1992 budget.

The City representatives informed the Council that they must allow for a \$1.4 million pension

and around United Hospitals and credits a strong and committed staff for a lot of it. Dickens explained that the hospital did have a deficit of \$7 million but is expecting a profit of \$3 million this year.

A hands-on president, he realized re-staffing the hospital would be no easy task but oversaw every hiring of the new team members. He said he has regular meetings with staffers and can be seen walking around the hospital making his rounds. He also cited his "inside

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Preparing for the new South Africa

SAMP program teaches the art of effective management



SAMP graduates, (l-r) Hani Khan, Henry Chakala, and Sizwe Tati.

NEWARK — The South African Management Program (SAMP), the brainchild of black South African executive, Ernest Mchunu, has graduated its first set of management trainees as they prepare for

post-Apartheid South Africa.

Linking the American black community and the South African black community, the first four SAMP graduates were honored and recognized during a reception hosted

by East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper on December 3.

The program centers around training black South Africans with practical experiences and opportunities to hone their business skills by interning at some of the top black corporations in the United States. Upon completion of the program, the trainees will be ready to assume middle and senior management positions with businesses in their country.

The idea for the SAMP project began in 1988 and conceived by Mchunu and Gerri Spillman. Mchunu, who worked as an executive at the Coca-Cola Company in South Africa, realized that there were not many opportunities in the country for blacks to gain broad managerial skills and set about developing a group of future South African managers.

The SAMP project is part of an overall strategy of Ernest J. Mchunu and Associates to play a role as facilitator and catalyst for South African trainee managers in creating future leaders. Mrs. Spillman, a minority career counselor and entrepreneur based in Montclair, has long been a student of South Africa. (continued on page 3)

Payne, Cooper lend support for AIDS victims



EAST ORANGE — Congressman Donald Payne and East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper met with an East Orange victim

of the AIDS virus in order to show the increasing numbers in home health care for people stricken with the disease.

Photo by Glen Frieson

Stacey Peterson named City News Assistant Editor

PLAINFIELD — The City News Publishing Company recently named Stacey Peterson of Plainfield Assistant Editor, overseeing composition of City News, the weekly newspaper covering the metro-Newark area. Ms. Peterson, 25, is a graduate of Syracuse University where she majored in magazine journalism and wrote for the campus newspaper, The Daily Orange. Prior to coming on board at City News, she worked as a reporter for the Piscataway/Dunellen Review, a member of the Forbes Newspaper chain.

Ms. Peterson explained that

she does not take her success for granted, and instead, uses it to motivate her to achieve even more.

"That's basically what carries me through life," she said. "It's like reaching one rung on a ladder and using it as a catalyst to move onto the next one. No matter what I'm doing in life, when I reach a goal, it pushes me to move onto the next one."

She calls herself a "goal oriented" person and strongly believes a life is has little purpose if people do not have some attainable goals outlined for them. (Continued on page 10)

Stacey Peterson

CITY PEOPLE

Recognizing Those Who Dare To Soar

CITY NEWS EAGLE AWARD

recipient

Bill and Athea Giles:

Their love of their community has helped to make college education possible for many African Americans who in many cases only dreamed about college. To Bill and Athea Giles, it's the least they can do.

For the past nine years, the couple has pledged themselves to helping their fellow man, woman, and child and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is just one of their endeavors.

Mrs. Giles explained that every year, she and her husband sponsor the "Evening of Elegance," a top notch, black-tie fundraiser, where people from all over come together to basically to have a good time but also to support the UNCF. She said that this year, the \$150 a plate extravaganza raised \$70,000, bringing their nine year total to \$500,000.

"It's a unique feat," she said adding that it's just something she and her husband decided to do for their community. She also said that the Giles give more than a lot of companies.

Bill Giles said that last year, they won a philanthropy award but the accolades are not why they do what they do.

"We're very strong on giving something back," he said adding that they plan to keep on giving for as long as they can.

Pleased by their positive response they received this year, he said it is a testimony to their commitment as well as that of the community as to why they were able to raise so much money in these stressful economic times.

They both agree that the students that they have assisted have been very appreciative and that adds to their rewards.

"The program involves a lot of work but we have a very strong commitment to UNCF which is why we give our time," he said.

They both give their time willingly as they are heads of and/or members of several civic and educational organizations. As president of 100 Black Men, he and his organization work to serve those less

fortunate, continuing their commitment to the community by giving something back.

"We're doing good through doing well," he said. The have fostered their strong community beliefs to their children and have encouraged them to give back the same way they have. The Giles both agree that with so much to be done in the world, everyone can do it.

"The need is so great and there are so many different things to be done, anything you choose to do would help," he said.

They said that with so many people out there who cannot save themselves, the people who can help should zero in on a particular project and lend their support.

Sharing

Network names new medical director

SPRINGFIELD — The New Jersey Organ & Tissue Sharing Network (The Sharing Network) recently appointed Dr. Durian J. Wilson as its new medical director. Dr. Wilson, 36, is director of the operating room and assistant director of the liver transplantation program at the University Hospital of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), New Jersey Medical School, located in Newark. He is also an assistant professor of transplantation surgery.

As medical director, Dr. Wilson will assist The Sharing Network's executive director with addressing key clinical issues, providing in-service training workshops and educational material for transplant coordinators, and meeting with transplant physicians in New Jersey and physicians of other donor procurement agencies.

Newark to sell

Susquehanna Railroad

NEWARK — The City of Newark plans to sell a strip of land known as the Susquehanna Railroad right-of-way to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy for use as a hiking trail.

The sale will make the 26-mile long strip of idle, unused land available to all New Jersey residents. The planned sale has been made possible by an agreement with the NJDEP that was supported by the Sharpe James Administration, and by a resolution passed by the Newark Municipal Council.

The narrow right-of-way connects the Newark Watershed and the Delaware River. In 1965, the railroad sold the 66-foot wide right-of-way to the City of Newark. The tracks were removed by the railroad. Since then, the land has been idle while Newark paid property taxes on it.

According to Alvin L. Zach, Newark engineering director, "The sale of this land will benefit all New Jersey residents by providing in perpetuity protection to the land for use as a trail. In addition, the property would be protected under the state's Green Acres Plan as park land."

In honor of the benefits to Newark, the receipt of \$700,000 from the sale, elimination of the cost of maintaining the land, elimination of City liability for injuries that may occur on the property, and an annual savings by not having to pay property taxes to the municipalities through which the trail passes.

Correction
Oops, we goofed! We neglected to give a photo credit for the photograph located on page one of the December 4 issue of City News. It was taken by Glen Frieson.

Coping

by
Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Should you resist a mugger?

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

You wrote a column a year ago about weapons that a person could use to protect themselves if they are mugged. I bought a can of mace to protect myself with if somebody tries to rape me. I feel pretty good now. I am going to shoot this mace at anybody who even looks like he wants to attack me.

Ms. F., Atlanta

Dear Ms. F.:

There are a number of things that you should take into consideration before you spray the mace at an attacker. Police departments across the nation advise people not to resist an attacker.

Mace is a little bit stronger than tear gas, but mace does not have the ability to immediately stop the advancement of a mugger, even if you spray it directly into his face. A national police organization recently indicated its dissatisfaction with mace because many cases of it simply do not work properly when used (they malfunctioned) and mace cannot stop and attacker from carrying out his attack upon you.

Picture this scene: A person approaches you in order to mug or rape you. You spray mace at his face. He ducks, or you miss his face. Now he's damn angry with you, takes the can of mace from you and sprays it into your face. Then he attacks you violently.

Or, suppose you actually spray it into his face. Mace takes several minutes to have any effect, so the

attacker still has time to grab you. And he's extremely angry now because you tried to hurt him. Now he's going to hurt you.

Or, you spray the mace at him and he pulls out a gun and shoots you, or stabs you with a knife. Or becomes so angry with you that he now wants to kill you, whereas originally he wanted only to rob you.

Or, your assailant is a "smalltime" thief who is desperately poor and wholly inexperienced in the art of theft. In addition, he has a major fear of being arrested and put into jail. If he feels threatened by your resistance and fears that you may cause him to get arrested he might try to silence you by killing you. All of this would be the unfortunate result of his efforts to steal a measly five dollars.

The clear point of these scenarios is that the odds are greatly against you in your efforts to defend yourself. This is the basic and important reason that law enforcement authorities warn victims against resisting. At least you'll escape with your life.

So, what can you do to protect yourself? When you go out, be with friends, especially at night. Stay away from parks, dark streets, and places where muggings have taken place.

You might consider buying a device that emits a loud, ear piercing, or shattering noise that flashes an extremely bright light. This usually chases assailants away. These items are often advertised in newspapers.

Credle appointed to Governor's AIDS Council

NEWARK — James Credle, Assistant Dean for Multicultural Student Affairs at Rutgers' Newark campus, has been appointed to New Jersey Governor Jim Florio's Advisory Council on AIDS. A longtime activist in AIDS education and training, Credle is a resident of Newark. For the past two years, Credle has been a consultant to Newark Planned Parenthood's AIDS Education and Training for Youth Project. He is a member of the Newark Community Project for People with AIDS; the HIV/AIDS Planning Council for the City of Newark; and the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention Committee of the

National Association of Black and White Men Together. Also, he is a founder of the Township AIDS Project in South Africa.

Credle is a member of the (Rutgers) President's Select Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns, the Black Veterans' Braintrust, and the Greater Newark People of All Colors Together.

He is a founding member and current secretary of the National Association for Black Veterans. He is former vice chairman of the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission and a former member of former President Jimmy Carter's Advisory Committee on Amnesty.

People on the move...

Debra Tyson, executive director of Planned Parenthood Essex County has been appointed a member of Governor Jim Florio's Advisory Council on AIDS. Perry E. Pollard, director of Human Program at IBM has been elected a member of the Conference Board's Commission Council. The award will be honored by the Somerset Chamber of Commerce for making a difference through business. Melissa Davis, freelance writer; David Evans, Editor; Corporation; Amy B. Greene, Amy B. Greene Environmental Consultants; Cecelia Iacovazzi, Marjorie Management; Suzanne Jungstall, Country Day School; Anthony Pheasant, Esq.; Edward Selig, Editor Corporation; Gail Whiting, Design Consultants; Fred Peterson, Johnson & Johnson; James Decker, Somerset Public Valley Sewerage Authority; Anthony D'Onofrio, Somerset County Vocational Technical High School; Dan Puntilla, Media Earth and Ruth Reader, Somerset County Office on Aging. The following are members of the NJ School Council: Jean Diller, Anne Giacalone; Patricia Colley, Julie Meagher; Elizabeth Morris; Tracie Talbot; Ellen Talbot; David Laroche; and Corey Dart, all of Plainfield. The following are members of the graduating class of Union County College's nursing program: Vela Scott of Springfield; Leah Jackson of Union; Novella Laber and Evangelina Mobley of Scotch Plains; Annette Barnes, Janet Reynolds, and Sandra Moorman of Roseland; Rose Applegate of Garwood; Kathleen Pelet and Maryanne Leple of Cranford; Dawn Skarnick and Margaret Goss of Union; Lila Alek-Gad of Westfield; Kimberly Hedeoka of Rahway; Owendine Hopkins, Margaret Schneider and Anita Harnack of Elizabeth; Cathy Kof of Scotch Plains; Whitfield-Rashed of East Orange; Maria Panamonte of Old Bridge; Carolyn Gregson of Hillside; Deborah Jones of Plainfield; and Alberta Drenway of Plainfield.



The Johnson and Johnson Company, a world-wide health care corporation headquartered in New Brunswick, New Jersey, recently presented a \$25,000 grant to Mayor Sharpe James to benefit the health care programs of the City of Newark. The presentation was made during a breakfast ceremony in City Hall. The funds will be administered by the City's Health and Human Services (HHS) Department, Division of Community Health, to the Newark's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. In attendance (l-r): Mayor Richard A. Levin, president and chief executive officer of the Essex & West Hudson Utility Authority; Esther Olsen, Newark WIC director; Central Ward Councilman George Branch; Mayor James; Henry Land corporate affairs director for Johnson & Johnson; Alderman Cooper, former mayor of New Brunswick and a Johnson & Johnson executive; Bobi Buffin, Newark HHS director and Johnny Jones, Essex County Freshfood and an aide to Mayor James.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

JERSEY CITY - Brazilian guitarist Carlos Barbosa Lima will present "Brazil and the Guitar," a master class and performance at Jersey City State College. The master class will take place at Iguaçu Recital Hall of Rosovsky Building at 2030 Kennedy Boulevard from 2 to 4 p.m. The performance will take place at 8 p.m. For more information call Betty Gerena at 201-200-3321.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

NEW YORK CITY - "Arthur Singer: Birds of the Tropics," an exhibit of over 30 works will be on display at the New York Zoological Society's Central Park Zoo through March 2. The Zoo Gallery is located at 64th Street and Fifth Avenue. For more information call 212-439-6827.

NEW BRUNSWICK - The New Jersey

State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on automobile insurance from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square off Ryders Lane. For more information call 908-249-5000.

JERSEY CITY - The African/American Studies Program of Jersey City State College will present "United Babel: African and Drums of 'Ain to an Evening of Senegalese Dances and Culture." The program will take place at 8 p.m. For more information call 201-200-2253.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

NEWARK - The Salvation Army will present a New Clothes for Kids on Your Block Fashion Show with Kelsa Knight Pulliam of the Cosby Show at 12:30 p.m. at the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance building. For more information call 201-623-5999.

JERSEY CITY - The Jersey City State Col-

lege Department of Music, Dance, and Theatre will present "NOVA III: Dance/Theatre Collaboration" at 8 p.m. The show will also be held Dec. 14. For more information call 201-200-3151.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

NORTH PLAINFIELD - The Plainfield Gospel and Turn-Verein will present its 105th Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. in Saenger Hall, 220 Somerset Street to benefit the German Evangelical Church. For more information call 908-356-0477.

PLAINFIELD - The Ric-Chard Choral Ensemble will present its 126th Annual Christmas concert at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Walchurch Avenue at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 908-754-RDCE.

JERSEY CITY - The NJ Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Soc-

ety will celebrate the holiday season at its regular meeting at 12 noon at the Afro-American Historical Society Museum located at 1841 Kennedy Boulevard. The program will include a Kwanzaa ceremony celebrating black family and culture. For more information call 201-547-5282.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

PLAINFIELD - The Episcopal Magnificat will be the highlight of "A Christmas Celebration," a holiday concert to be presented with soloists and orchestra by the NJ Schola Cantorum at the First United Methodist Church, at 631 E. Front Street, at 3 p.m. For more information call 908-757-5403.

PLAINFIELD - St. Bernard's Church is having a "Festival of Lessons and Carols" at 5 p.m. in the parish church located at 1255 George Street. For more information call 908-756-3393.

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Dickens' ship of success

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chas" which he frequently has to give him an opportunity to speak with the "rank and file" of the hospital.

Dickens said it has not been easy to make the comeback of the hospital a reality. He explained that he and three major undertakings to deal with, — putting the children's hospital back on track, managing the day-to-day operations of United Hospital, along with attempting to build a new facility out of the ashes of the tumultuous former hospital — while many new administrators only have to deal with one of the three.

"My vision is to have this hospital serve the needs of the community," he said adding that specific programs must be outlined and instituted in order to meet the community's needs.

Dickens stated that programs must address the social and medical problems of the community. Citing problems like AIDS, hypertension, and others that are prevalent in the inner cities and minority populations, Dickens said the adult hospital must play closer attention to minority people and make serving their needs a top priority.

Addressing what he believes is still a skeleton from the past, Dickens said he feels it is essential to have the community empowered to have a part in the decision-making factions of the hospital.

He said that even though he has noticed that Board of Trustees Chairman Bernard Rabinovitch has been taking credit for it, he is the one who proposed a community advisory commission that he said the Board has chosen to delay action on. Dickens is strongly committed to joining the hospital and commu-

nity, saying he believes it is the wave of the future.

He said that he sees communities holding hospitals responsible for their needs and making sure they work towards improving the health status of the community.

Dickens added that the issues should hold for the children's hospital as well. The hospital, which will be built on the nearby campus of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), will be owned and run by United Hospitals but would share support and services with UMDNJ.

Dickens said he supports the

joint effort saying that it makes sense to bring the clinical and academic aspects together for better quality.

But as with United Hospitals, he insists that the issue of community input particularly at the policy level will be as prevalent with the children's hospital as it is for United Hospitals and it is something that must be addressed by the Board of Trustees. He maintains that a big issue for the hospitals and the community revolves around how the community will maintain its influence and input into the children's hospital.

Bible Telling in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD — Bible Telling will take place on December 13 from 7 to 9 a.m. at the First Park Baptist Church in Plainfield located at the corner of West Seventh Street and Central Avenue.

This is the third program to be presented and will be held as a monthly event for teenagers interested in learning Bible stories.

The agenda for the evening is to hear a story, learn a story, and then tell a story. Christian youth groups are especially welcome along with their adult supervisors. There is no

admission fee, but groups are asked to contribute some refreshments.

Participation is encouraged as audience members are expected to help the storyteller and not simply be entertained. Youth are given the opportunity to perform in front of their peers as well as hear Bible stories in a new and dramatic way.

Drew Willard, a professional storyteller, is the youth director at First Park and will be presenting the program. For more information call 908-756-5322.

South African interns

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can affairs. She saw the idea for SAMP as a way for the African Americans to provide a link in the career development of South Africans.

Companies who participated in the pilot program were: City National Bank in Newark; Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Philadelphia; Maxima Corporation in Rockville, MD; and Highbeam, Inc. located in East Orange.

Ismael Kahn, one of the recent graduates, did part of his training with Highbeam Systems, Inc. and part with the City of East Orange. As a husband and father of three, he said he is very concerned with the struggle of all people of color and is deeply involved in community service.

Currently a sales representative with Otis Elevator in South Africa, he is a dedicated, diligent worker who strives for success in all his undertakings. It is his belief and hope that the changing political and socioeconomic scene in his country

along with the need for more middle and senior managers will provide him and other South Africans with the opportunity to effectively use their skills.

His experience at Mayor Cooper's office provided him with the chance to see a black mayor effectively and efficiently run a government. He thinks it will help him to have a broader vision and be a more effective leader in the "new" South Africa.

Sirwe Tati interned at City National Bank and works as a loans manager for the Perm Bank in South Africa. Reared in Soweto, he is described as a serious, hard-working young man who loves American jazz and enjoys children.

He said that the internship provided him with better insight into today's practical business issues both directly and indirectly. He is hopeful the experience will put him in a better position to advance in his company.

Harry Chakala, who interned at

Maxima Corp. has a diploma in electrical engineering as well as accounting and finance. He said his experience at Maxima has given him the opportunity to experience many new functions of a business that are different from his background. He has gained some valuable new skills especially with computers and has a better managerial perspective. He said his desire is to someday own a top-flight business and the SAMP experience is a big step towards realizing that goal.

Lucas Bambo completed his internship with Coca-Cola and said he views the internship on two levels — technical and motivational. He said he feels that the program is highly inspirational because it places a person in the environment that is highly conducive to learning. From the technical aspect the SAMP program provides the opportunity to learn the business from an operational point of view. Lucas said that when a person sees what can be achieved, it motivates them to make the commitment to reach higher.

The four interns were selected from a group of 25 trainees to participate in the internships. The program was compiled by Dr. Andy Andrew, director of the Graduate Institute of Technology. It ran for five months and was held at the Rand Afrikaans University in Johannesburg and covered the principles of general management.

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Tempers flare

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cant or the current owner.

Council members Fahemah El-Amin, Malcolm Dunn, and Council President Elizabeth Urquhart stated before the vote that they would side with the community. Mrs. El-Amin said that she felt that "the life of a child was more important than a 'possession' law suit to the city."

After the vote, West End residents abruptly left the meeting and gathered outside, loudly voicing their discontent with the situation, when the police were summoned and three Grant Avenue residents, Antoine, John, and Kendall Roney, all of 227 Grant Avenue, were arrested and charged with aggravated assault of a police officer. During the confusion, Council President Urquhart called a recess of the meeting until order was restored.

Budget Problems

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It is currently run by a consulting firm.

Due to the absence of a salary ordinance, which would have allowed for a director to run the center, the consultant will have to stay on for the rest of the fiscal year because the Council declined the measure several months ago.

Mrs. Chin also informed the Council that the budget cutting process should be done methodically, mentioning thus far she hasn't seen any systematic reductions.

McBean warned that if closure of the budget matter does not occur soon, the City could possibly be saddled with a serious cash flow problem by February or March, due to the fact that the tax bills still have to be sent out.

He explained that if there are no incoming funds like taxes, the City may have to go to the market to borrow, which could be costly because they would have to deal with interest rates.

Several Councilmembers assured Mrs. Chin that they did use logic when figuring out their individual cuts.

The \$1.8 million figure that was given to the administration at the last budget session as the figure the Council had agreed to reduce the budget by was not figured into the budget at the time of the December 4 session. Council President Elizabeth Urquhart again told the administration to provide the Council with that information as soon as possible. No date has been set for the next budget hearing.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Will the controversy surrounding United Hospitals ever end? With disputes between the Board of Trustees Chairman, the Hospital president, and the Newark community, as well as a trustee calling by Councilman Ronald Rice, we're afraid that the people who need the hospital will just get lost in the shuffle.

Yes, a hospital must meet the needs of the community that surrounds it. There are no two ways about it. It means a task force or special group of community residents to address the Board on a regular basis, then so be it. It doesn't matter whose idea it was as long as the people's needs are addressed.

United Hospitals has been an impressive and strong comeback. But, if what President Bernard Dickens says is true about hospitals of the future answering to the needs of the community, then the community must be fairly represented on the Board.

We agree with Mr. Dickens. If a hospital is sitting right smack in the middle of a community that suffers from AIDS, hypertension, heart problems, stress, and other factors prevalent in minority communities, then those needs must be addressed. Also, the community must be able to access their hospital and tell them what problems or issues must be dealt with.

The fighting and controversy must end. The hospital's past has shrouded it in enough controversy as it is. Let's get back to the business of saving lives. That should be at the top of everyone's agenda.



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

Some people love life so much, it is continually reflected in everything about them: a radiant smile, twinkling eyes, energetic body language.

That was how her family, friends and neighbors remember Gertrude (Turman) Brown, affectionately known as "Gert" by long time friends and new acquaintances alike.

As recently as this past September and October "Gert" was a lively 70-plus lady who appeared to be maturing gracefully. Her past triumphs as one of Newark's Popular entertainers in the years immortalized in Barbara Kukla's book, "Swing City Newark Nightlife from 1925-50" had brought new life to the former dancer and her siblings known as the "Fabulous Tur-

mans."

Last week "Gert" Turman, who had danced her way through a depression, a second World War and the decline of live entertainment in Newark, was buried: a casualty of a dreaded cancer that struck suddenly with deadly accuracy.

Turman-Brown was a familiar figure in Newark's North Ward where she had lived for many years. She was active in local Catholic church affairs and a member of the Advanced Senior Citizens Club of the Elizabeth Avenue Center.

I keep telling people to watch Leonard (Lennie) Coleman, a rising star in business arena he enters from politics to appointed office to whatever pursuits.

At 42, Lennie appears to have the Midas touch when it comes to

challenges that require stability, determination, productivity, purpose and vision.

He entered chartered waters again this week when he agreed to take on the task of making Major League Baseball's new post of director of market development work.

Like many of us, Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent knows Lennie's love of the game dates back to the days he was on the diamond for Montclair High School and Princeton University and his trophy as a semi-professional player in the Metropolitan League in Bergen and Passaic counties.

Coleman brings knowledge and commitment to his new job and the experience of marketing people, places, and ideas as a former New Jersey Commissioner of Energy and Community Affairs under former Governor Thomas Kean.

As one of the architects of Tom Kean's "politics of inclusion," the much vaunted effort by the Republican Party to attract blacks and other minorities, Coleman has the temperament and know-how to cultivate new talent to the major leagues that expect to expand from 26 to 28 teams. Youth is expected to be a top priority as well as plans to continue attracting fans to the ballparks.

Since leaving state government two years ago, Coleman has been a vice president of municipal finance for the Wall Street investment firm of Kidder, Peabody & Co.

Right now we know of a half dozen New Jersey highschoolers who think they have the makings for a future in baseball. Expect them to be beating a path to Coleman's new door as folks did when he was chairman of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition, chairman of the Hackensack Meadowslands Development Commission and a member of the New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, Economic De-

velopment Authority, Urban Enterprise Zone Authority and N.J. Public Television Commission.

Currently he chairs the Bishop Tutu Scholarship Fund and is president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark.

At long last the State Department of Education board members are publicly admitting they have a problem with Commissioner John Ellis.

They appear to finally be catching up with many inner-city parents who have privately been grumbling that Ellis is "spineless" when it comes to taking action against school administrators and teachers in urban school districts.

Apparently no one old Commissioner Ellis New Jersey's educational system has been burdened by political interference (local and state) for more years than we care to remember.

Many of the problems begin with the boards of education; some start at the Superintendent's level, followed closely by unions and school administrators.

Ask any of these "special interest" groups and they'll swear the "kids" are their first concern. Ellis has joined this crowd. He too says "I care. I really care," as test scores in mostly urban areas continue to decline despite massive infusions of QEA money for "special needs" districts.

Ellis really has no rational explanation why student test scores declined in this year's basic skills test other than to say the "new monies were not received when these students took the tests." He predicts a "modicum of impact" for next year.

With rapid unemployment in urban centers, potential workers need to show more than a "modicum" of improvement. They need massive improvement just to get on the playing field of employability and still greater improvement in all of the basic skills just for a job interview.

Meantime, black and Hispanic parents in particular, need to

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Black community gets slap in the face

and support our institutions. Don't take us for granted.

This is one action that doesn't require a lot of talking or rhetoric. You're either going to do it, or you won't. Sometimes people grumble about being asked to sacrifice something. If you think about it, all I'm asking is that if you're going to support your hand earned money, at least use it where people will show you some appreciation. We should try to support black-owned businesses during this holiday season any how, as well as those businesses who respect our people and community.

There are more African American businesses and entrepreneurs who have products which are designed specifically to highlight our rich culture and heritage. They need our support.

Those black-owned businesses who don't want to advertise in black-owned newspapers and publications should also be phoned and written to. If we don't support each other, we can't point the finger at any other people.

During these hard economic times we need to pull together in order to survive. Christmas (which has become more commercial every year) is a very critical sales period; some businesses counting on making at least 40 percent of its profits for the year during this quarter. For many African American businesses, it could mean the difference of whether they will have a future or not. Our community should want to do all we can to see that we support these businesses. Because if not us, then who will?

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

Are you going to go out this holiday season and spend your money in a store that doesn't want to advertise in black-owned newspapers? Let me put the question to you another way. Are you going to allow the largest toy chain store in the United States which derives part of its profits from African American consumers, to get away with insulting our community and stating that they will not place their ads in black-owned and supported newspapers?

You should have an answer. More importantly, you should plan on staying out of the Toys 'R Us toy stores not only this holiday season, but from now on, unless they change their advertising strategy. For them to refuse to support one of the most important institutions in our community is an outrage. Their stated reason for not advertising in African American publications is that it isn't profitable for them.

There are many African Americans who go and buy toys and other items from these toy chains. Apparently, it's all right for Toys 'R Us to use their share of the profits derived from the pockets of African American consumers to support white-owned newspapers by advertising in them, but not black-owned newspapers.

Quote of the Week

"Those black-owned businesses who don't want to advertise in black-owned newspapers and publications should also be phoned and written to. If we don't support each other we can't point the finger at any other people."

Sharon Khadijah Vincent
on advertising in the black media

Heartbeat of the City

To abstain or not to abstain, that is a very serious and important question facing many Americans as the AIDS epidemic looms in front of us larger than life. See, which in the 60s, 70s, and early 80s had become a recreational activity, is fast becoming a crude version of Russian Roulette. It's getting to the point where we must interview every potential partner and then hire a private investigator in order to check out the real story.

Let's get a few things straight here. AIDS does not discriminate. It is not a gay men's disease or an IV drug user's disease. If you have sex, and a whole lot of people do, then you are susceptible

to the AIDS virus. Magic Johnson is proof of that.

But, Magic has taught us something else — that the sexual meanderings of human beings can lead to the death toll. You play, there's a good chance you're going to pay. But, how do you get that point across in the poor, uneducated, unsophisticated ones who don't know what a condom looks like or what STD stands for? That is a major issue that must be addressed because the black community is being hit very hard with the AIDS bat.

Magic may be the only one to get through to these people, especially the young people. If he wants to be an AIDS activist, he

must go to these people where they live and breathe. He must sit down with the brothers and the sisters and break the real deal down to them. Not behind a podium, not on the television, but one-on-one at the schools, in the neighborhoods, even in the homes. Education is the key! It cannot be emphasized enough.

It is the responsibility of us all to educate each other. There is no such thing as safe sex. Abstinence is the only "safe sex." Yes, condoms can protect you but many a condom has been known to break. Need I say more. This is not to advocate abstinence or denounce condoms — this is just to put the word out.

Families, education proponents, churches, hospitals, adults, movie stars, and the average Joe are all responsible to alert our children and grown-ups about the nuances of the AIDS virus. We must all protect ourselves. We always hear about the big stars but the little stars that make up this country are dying, too.

Educate yourselves, educate each other, start support and information groups in your community, your church, or among your buddies. The life you save may be your own.

What's on your mind? What issues are pulsing in the City? Let us know. Write to Heartbeat of the City, P.O. 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

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Plainfield resident scoring big for Rider

LAWRENCEVILLE — Neil Charles of Plainfield, a sophomore elementary education major at Rider College, has completed his second season on the Rider varsity soccer team.

A 1990 graduate of Timothy Christian High School, Charles started all 19 games for the 10-7-2 Rider Broncos at either fullback or forward, helping Rider advance to the East Coast Conference Championship Game.

Charles started all 18 games as a back as a Rider rookie, and the first eight games this season. Against Lehigh University, Charles made his first collegiate start at forward, and scored two goals in the last 18 minutes for a 3-1 win.

For the season, Charles compiled 6 goals and 4 assists for 16 points, second highest on the squad. In the Shoney's Winter College tournament, Charles collected a goal and an assist in a win over St. Francis (PA). In a 4-2 overtime win over Hofstra, Charles completed a goal and an assist, and he scored the lone



Neil Charles

goal in a 1-0 win over St. Peter's in the regular season finale. At Timothy Christian, Charles served as team captain on both the varsity soccer and basketball teams, earning All-Conference honors in soccer and all star honors in basketball.

East Orange holiday events

EAST ORANGE — The December 10 Christmas tree lighting ceremony kicked off a host of activities in the City for the holiday season. They include:

Holiday Concerts, all will take place at the East Orange City Hall Rotunda from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11
Choirs from Patrick Healy Junior High and Stockton schools

Thursday, December 12
Choirs from Jackson Academy and the Most Blessed Sacrament Parochial School

Tuesday, December 17
Choirs from James Children's University, and Franklin and Lincoln schools

Wednesday, December 18
Choirs from Sojourner Truth Jun-

ior High School and Ashland School in Clifton

Sunday, December 15
Kwanzaa workshop and demonstration, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the East Orange Public Library, Main Branch at 21 South Arlington Street

Saturday, December 21
Children's holiday party from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fellowship Civic Center, 1 Fellowship Circle

Saturday, December 28
Upside College — Little Theater, Universal Language Ensemble two shows at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information about East Orange Holiday 1991 activities call 201-266-5059 or 266-5142.

by Terry Benjamin

At this time in the development of hip hop music, you have to ask yourself some questions: Can rap really be rap if it doesn't reflect black street life and culture? Can rap be about the peace and love we've been praying for since the psychedelic Sixties? Some of the answers to these questions can be found on the very different "Of the Heart, of the Soul and the Cross: The Utopian Experience," the debut album from PM Dawn, a hip hop duo from Jersey City, New Jersey. They call themselves rapper Prince B and DJ Minute Mix Master.

Joining a long line of New Jersey rappers that include Poor Righteous Teachers, King Sun, Lakim Shabazz, DJ Mark The 45 King, Chill Rob G, Redhead Kingpin, Naughty By Nature, Queen Latifah, PM Dawn ushers in a new age of rap with the release of their first two singles "A Watcher's Point of View" and "Set Adrift on Memory Bliss," respectively.

Riding on a sample from the Doobie Brothers' "Feelin' Down Further," "A Watcher's Point of View" presents lyrics too obscure to explain with a beat that will grab any dancer. This combination of rock and spacey lyrics sets the tone for the PM Dawn musical experience. Their second release, "Set Adrift on Memory Bliss," found an even bigger audience and a secure perch at the top of the charts. Still, the lyrics are not easy to understand as Prince B raps: "Careless whispers from a careless man/A Neutrin Dance for a neutron fan/Maracas strings are dangerous things/A thought of all the trouble they bring/An eye for and eye spy for spy/Rubber bands expand in a frustrating sigh." This rap ballad contains a sample from "True," a rock ballad for Sandleman Ballet and this fusion of black rap with white pop pulls in a whole new audience.

This expansion of musical influences on rap music is even more evident on "To Serenade a Rainbow," a track that contains samples

from South African jazz man Hugh Masekela as Prince B raps cryptically: "It's like fairy tale from the Brothers Grimm/To fall in love at the slightest whim/It's to serenade a rainbow/Or riding on the tail of the wind." Another jazz influ-

Dawn doesn't give any answers, listeners can appreciate the music that carries the message. "I grin as the era of the selfish fades/I'm looking at the sky through a pair of dark shades," Prince B raps on "Even After I Die." "And I'm buggin' I

your butt funk of "Comatose," a rap/dance classic that contains samples from Sly and the Family Stone and Dr. John. Sounding like a fusion of EPMD and Prince, "Comatose" has enough energy to rock any house party as Prince B raps:

*Lovin' you is easy cause you're beautiful
I don't think so I think that that's a lotta bull
My heart and soul is completely taken over
I'm sick from one of those love hangovers
I watch the comedy called Intellect
Which wraps the nooses around our necks
It seems the unreal is becoming more real
It's taking me down the Strawberry Fields*

To Serenade A Rainbow
PM Dawn

enced track is the equally puzzling "Paper Doll" where Prince B raps:

*Imagine yourself as a link on a chain
Chain is wrapped around someone's mind
If you break off then things start to change.*

These metaphysical meanderings continue on "If I Wuz U," "In the Presence of Mirrors," and "The Beautiful" where Prince B sends a "purple valentine" and raps: "Once more my feelings have succeeded in confusing me/But what's most amusing is/I like the way it looks."

The way most of this will sound is "weird" to most but there is a creative/spiritual searching that is exciting to experience. While much of rap uses words to shock, PM Dawn uses words to meditate. Like on "Reality Used to be a Friend of Mine" where Prince B raps: "I used to be friends with reality/She used to be a pal, real close to me/But she tried to hide from me what was in mine/Tried to house me but a house has doors/I was insane and the picture was crazy/So the relevance here seems a bit hazy." And although PM

guess case it makes me feel good/ There are so many things that are misunderstood."

"On Clear Day" is an all singing, no rapping track that encourages listeners to "Open up your hearts, open up your minds."

Although putting forward questions with no clear answers can be frustrating PM Dawn's music keeps sprits up, especially on dance tracks like "Shake" and "Comatose." Featuring a Todd Terry track, "Shake" is a dance jam with obscure lyrics like these from Prince B:

*It's not about how I've been
Cause I've been blessed
But the constant battles with Reality
I dangle from the strings of stress.*

In the same groove is the shab'e

*Mr. Red knows I pose a threat
Yeah, I like to see him sweat
Dr. Vox tends to get hypnotic
Reality thinks Prince B is erotic
The magic wand seems to be misplaced
I can't see it if it's covered in lace
The best way to keep your word is not to give it
I don't make promises cause promises die
But those who use hate just won't participate
So that's why I chose to use my eyes
And stay comatose.*

"Of the Heart, of the Soul and of the Cross: The Utopian Experience" is not just the longest title of any hip hop album, this debut effort from PM Dawn offers new possibilities in the rap music field. This will certainly be the most talked about debut since De La Soul shook up the music scene in 1989 with their debut album, "3 Feet High & Rising." Comparisons are already being made but PM Dawn are originals. A bold move from the pimp snorting gangster talk of too many rappers, PM Dawn offers stimulating wordplay and precisely chosen samples that make their music delightfully different. Just when rap fans were being lulled to sleep with the "same old same old," PM Dawn issues a wake up call that is sure to shake up old school rappers and offer new jack rappers a more challenging and progressive path to travel.

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(L-R) Seated: Union County Manager Ann Baran; Jeff O'Brien; New Providence High School; and Sgt. Ellen Marino, Union County Police. Standing: Reginald B. Williams Plainfield High School; Astraea Viba, David Brantley High, Kenilworth; and Loretta Lewis, Union High School.

ELIZABETH — The 16th annual Youth in County Government Day was held recently at the county courthouse complex in Elizabeth announced Union County Freeholder Chairman James Connelly Welsh.

"More than 50 students from 24 area high schools attended the day-long event, where students are paired with county departments and offices to learn the workings of county government," said Welsh. "They also saw a demonstration by the Sheriff's Office K-9 squad, and had lunch at Galloping Hill Caterers in Union."

A random drawing was held to allow students to act as a Freeholder and/or other county official at the regular freeholder meeting held later that day.

"This is always a tremendous opportunity for our students to get a first-hand grasp of the way county government operates, and I am always extremely pleased by the excitement the students show," Welsh added.



(L-R) Seated: Kim Polodester, Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield; JoAnn Gernandis, Director, Bureau of Environmental Affairs; David Tanc, Jonathan Dayton High School. Standing: Richard Muller, Director, Bureau of Land and Facilities Planning; Willie Moore, Division of Parks and Recreation; Ronald Weening, Director, Bureau of Transportation Planning; Daniel Barker, Division of Parks and Recreation; Aaron Buttle, UC Vo-Tech Schools, Scotch Plains, a resident of Plainfield.

RELIGIOUS
CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

EAST ORANGE—St. Paul's AME Church will hold its Annual Christmas Bazaar from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If interested in being a vendor, contact Alfred Broughton at 201-372-5762 no later than Fri., Nov. 8th.

MIDDLETOWN—The Shrewsbury Chorus will present its first concert of the holiday season at 8 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church, 50 Kings Highway. For more information call 908-747-4592.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1992

CALDWELL—The Religious Studies Dept. at Caldwell College is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Jan. 5th thru the 15th. For info., call 201-229-4424, exts. 250 or 209.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1992

NEWARK—The Hopewell Baptist Church at 17 Hammond All Avenue will present a Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring the Mighty Gospel of Joy, the Soul Stirrers, Papiere, Swanee Jubilaires, and others. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. For more information call 201-372-1817 or 201-373-3276.

Send your religious calendar events to City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield N.J. 07060

SHARE seeks
volunteers

NEWARK—SHARE is in need of volunteers for its monthly food distribution which will be held this month on December 20 and 21 at its main distribution center located at 436 First Street.

SHARE is a statewide food and community development program with host organizations in all 21 counties. SHARE offers 30 to 35 pounds of fresh food from the four major food groups for two hours of community service and \$13. There are no eligibility requirements.

For more information call Lois Whitehead at 201-344-2400.

Want to become
a vegetarian?

WESTFIELD—Centimen with a heart condition are looking to form a small group meeting once a month to discuss methods for living longer and healthier and avoiding lifestyle illnesses such as heart attacks and strokes.

A professional nutrition and dietetics consultant will be available. The program will be under the auspices of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program.

People who are interested in joining the support group should call 908-654-9854.

USDA expands partnerships
at HBCUs to aid farm plan

by Larry A. Still

WASHINGTON, DC—Strong partnerships between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and 17 predominantly black land grant colleges and universities must be expanded, Charles R. Hilly, associate deputy director of agriculture, declared here during a two-day symposium of the 100-year-old institutions.

Officials of the 17 1890 Land Grant institutions established by Congress, with the USDA, met to analyze the progress made since the partnership with historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) was forged at a similar symposium in Nashville, TN, in 1988.

Representatives of the government and the institutions also convened to plan the next steps needed to strengthen the HBCUs during the current debate over continuing government support to the institutions formerly segregated by federal and state laws. Hilly said the USDA needs a strong partnership with the 17 HBCUs to meet the agricultural challenges and opportunities of the next century, including the need for a diverse workforce.

The first USDA/1890s symposium in the 100-year-old program, three years ago, resulted in several recommendations to strengthen the partnership and significant progress has been made toward implementing those recommendations, Hilly said. He cited the establishment of USDA offices staffed with liaisons at each of the 17 campuses; increased USDA funding to the 1890s institutions, including a capacity building grants program; summer intern programs for students at the schools and greatly increased use of

City News Publisher named Citizen of the Year

Dr. Henry C. Johnson awarded by Omega Psi Phi



James S. Avery (right) presents the Citizen of the Year Award to Dr. Henry C. Johnson.

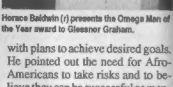
CLARK—Dr. Henry C. Johnson, publisher of City News, YES Magazine, and other publications, received the Citizen of the Year award from the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi on the fraternity's Founders Day on November 17.

During the awards presentation at the Ramada Hotel in Clark, Dr. Johnson was recognized for his entrepreneurial excellence and community involvement. In remarks following his acceptance, he challenged the audience to encourage youth to carry forth their dreams



Horace Baldwin (right) presents the Omega Man of the Year Award to Glessner Graham.

with plans to achieve desired goals. He pointed out the need for Afro-Americans to take risks and to believe they can be successful as managers and owners in businesses and other fields. He used examples of sacrifice, hard work, and courage from his own life to highlight the



theme of his comments. In other presentations, Glessner Graham of East Orange was named the Chapter's Omega Man of the Year for his outstanding contributions and commitment to the fraternity. The Chapter's Scholarship Achievement Award went to Darrel Hosea, a graduate of University High



Members of the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

School in Newark. Since Darrel is attending Bentley College in South Carolina, his father, Luther Hosea, accepted the award for him. Dr. Curtis Jackson, the Chapter's Scholarship Committee chairperson also presented scrolls to several of the brothers and their wives who have children who have successfully com-

pleted their college educations. The officers of Omega Psi Phi for 1992 are: James Kirkland, Basileus; Horace Baldwin, Vice Basileus; Glessner Graham, Keeper of Records and Seal; Charles Booker, Keeper of Finance; George Garrison, Chaplain; M. Raleigh McCarroll, Keeper of Peace.

Elders bring in
Kwanzaa

PLAINFIELD—On Sunday, December 29 at the Senior Citizens Recreational Center located at 305 East Front Street, Better Family Life, Inc. (BFL) and the Optimist Club of Plainfield will present the First Annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Dinner & Kwanzaa Celebration "Elders Day 1991" at 3 p.m.

The day will consist of a full course dinner, entertainment, music, Senior Citizens Community and Nguzo Saba Awards and door prizes for the largest family, eldest person, and longest married couple present at the celebration.

Better Family Life is a national organization whose philosophy is based upon the seven principles (Nguzo Saba) of the Kwanzaa Holiday which takes place from December 26 to January 1. The principles are unity, self-determination, collective work, and responsibility,

cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. BFL's mission is to plan and establish Afrocentric cultural, economic, and social institutions that will help advance the overall development of African American people.

The Optimist Club is an international organization whose purpose is to develop optimism as a philosophy of life, to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs, to inspire respect for the law, to promote patriotism, and to work for international accord and friendship among all people, to aid and encourage the development of youth and the belief that the giving of one's self and service to others will advance the well being of man, community, and the world.

For more information call 908-757-3295.

Successful blood drive
for Red Cross
Seventy-one pints of blood collected

SUMMIT—In one of the most successful area blood drives, 71 pints of blood were collected at the Fountain Baptist Church on November 8.

Sponsored by the church for the first time, in cooperation with the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, the drive was conducted by the New Jersey Blood Services Center.

Ms. Marie Babcock, Red Cross Blood Services coordinator stated the success "made a very important contribution to the ability of the Blood Center to meet the needs of hospital patients. One pint of blood can help as many as five people. These 71 donations will help save or sustain the lives of up to 355 people."

"Of particular significance to the Afro-American community," said Pastor Jerry M. Sanders, is that

genetic differences unique to each race of people mandates that each help supply blood to its members. Many people are not aware of these genetic variances in blood and blood from one race may not be suitable for use with another race."

According to Richard Harverson, Administrator, Special Screening of the New Jersey Blood Services Center, "while many are familiar with standard blood types such as A, B, or O, there are additional differences based on genetic ethnic factors among Afro-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native

Americans, and Caucasians.

"This means," he said, "any racial or ethnic groups may develop rare blood types, particularly to that group, identified by unique proteins on the surface of red blood cells, called antigens. These individuals will then require the very specifically matched blood peculiar to their race or ethnic background."

The Red Cross chapter is planning to sponsor screenings for hypertension at local churches. Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, is twice as likely to affect Afro-Americans as Caucasians.

Don't mix drinking
and shopping

HOUSTON—Most people know they should not drink and drive, but a psychiatrist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston says drinking and shopping don't mix either.

"Drinking alcohol can lead to impulse shopping," said Dr. Stuart C. Yudofsky, professor and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor. "If you have a few drinks at a holiday party, go home, not to the mall."

Many stores count on impulse shoppers during the gift-giving season. To avoid overspending on gifts, make a list, allow a certain amount of time for shopping and shop in advance.

If overspending is a problem, Yudofsky recommends leaving credit cards at home.

Planned family time, religious activities and assisting those who

are less fortunate are holiday activities that can be satisfying and which may curb the drive to overspend.

Yudofsky says that impulse shopping is quite common and vastly different from a more serious problem related to obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Yudofsky believes that OCD's are both biological and psychological in nature. The biological part relates to mood and anxiety disorders such as depression.

The psychological aspect may stem from repressing depressed feelings such as anger, sadness, or fear. This allows compulsive shoppers to dwell on what they are going to buy and how they can pay the bill instead of dealing with those feelings. Treatment for these disorders includes medication and psychotherapy including behavior modification.

United Way seeks nominees for
community service award

NEWARK—United Way of Essex and West Hudson has announced it is seeking nominees for the organization's William M. Ashby Community Service Award. The award, which was created in 1990, is named in honor of William Ashby, noted labor, civil rights leader, and founder of the Newark affiliate of the Urban League, and is presented each year.

According to United Way President/CEO Dick Levin, "In creating the Ashby Award, our organization sought to honor Mr. Ashby's legacy of service, as well as to recognize those individuals whose contributions to our community reflect the ideals of the outstanding leader after whom the award is named."

"Each year, our organization will look to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, commitment, and dedication to the people of Essex and West Hudson, and whose contributions have made dramatic differences in the overall quality of life in our community," Levin said.

Nomination forms and criteria for the Ashby Award can be ob-

tained by contacting the United Way of Essex and West Hudson Communications Department at 201-624-8300. Deadline for completed nomination forms is December 31, 1991. The award will be presented in March.

Plainfield Public Library
Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, December 11**
Thursday, December 12
Concert: Tal Farlow, jazz guitarist, 7:30 p.m.
Film program 4 p.m.
Union County Culture & Heritage Affairs
Network Meeting 7 p.m.
Friends of the Library Meeting 7 p.m.
Storyhour with Jan Sald 11 a.m.
Wanted tutoring program 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday, December 14**
Tuesday, December 17
Thursday, December 19
Film program 4 p.m.
Library with Jan Sald 11 a.m.
The Langston Hughes Lecture Series
presents A Kwanzaa celebration, 2-5 p.m.
Toddler Storyhour 10 a.m.
Storyhour with Jan Sald 11 p.m.
- Friday, December 27**
Saturday, December 28

The Library is located on the corner of Eighth Street and Park Avenue. For more information call 908-757-1111.

CITY LIFE

Behind the scenes

BILLBOARD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

NEW YORK CITY—The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will perform through December 29 at City Center located at 130 West 55th Street. For more information call 212-581-7971.

PLAINFIELD—Tal Farlow, jazz guitarist will be featured by the Friends of the Plainfield Public Library at 7:30 p.m. at the library at Park Ave. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Black Orchid, A Modern Love Ensemble will perform at Crossroads Theatre through January 5. Crossroads is located at 320 Memorial Parkway.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

NORTH BRANCH—The Baritan Valley Community College Department of Time and Performing Arts will present its Student Jazz Cabaret at 8 p.m. in the Welpe Theatre. For more information call 908-725-8420.

WAYNE—William Patterson College will present the musical comedy "High School Musical" at 8 p.m. at the Wayne Theatre. For more information, call 908-585-2371.

NEW BRUNSWICK—State Theatre presents "Christmas Carol" at 8 p.m. A full-scale production from the Nebraska Theatre Caravan, nationally respected leaders in literary and children's entertainment. For more information, call 908-246-7469.

MILLBURN—The Ballet and Symphony Orchestra will present "The Nutcracker" thru Dec. 23 at the Paper Mill Playhouse. Call 201-375-4343 for info.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

CAMDEN—The "No Rapaport" will be staged at Rutgers' Camden Campus at 8 p.m. The show will also be performed on December 14. For more information call 908-757-6176.

PRINCETON—"A Christmas Carol" will be featured at the McCarter Theatre, 91 University Pl. For more info, call 609-683-4000.

NEW YORK, NY—Dennis Russell Davies is a program for the Brooklyn Philharmonic, and includes soprano Grace Bumbry as guest artist in Richard Strauss' beloved "Die Frau ohne Schatten." Dec. 15. For more info call 718-634-1100.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

PLAINFIELD—Concerned African-American Parents of Westfield will present a Dinner-Dance Fashion Show at the Great American Community Center Ballroom at 425 West 55th Street from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. For more information call 908-228-4759.

NEW BRUNSWICK—State Theatre presents "Boys Chorus of Harlem." Combining the historical and the world's finest boys' chorus of Harlem offers up a spirited Christmas celebration. One of the most cherished sacred classics in the church (and the most contemporary gospel) will be performed. For more information, call 908-246-7469.

BRANCHBURG—The Baritan Valley Community College orchestra and choral will present their annual Gaudete Holiday concert at 8 p.m. For info, call 908-725-8420.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

MONTCLAIR—The Mahatma Theater Group of Montclair State College will perform Picnic through December 15. For more information call the box office at 201-485-5112.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

MONTCLAIR—A Single Vision will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Montclair Unitarian Church, 84 Orange Road and celebrate Christmas as well as have a holiday party. For more information call 766-8417 or 226-5899.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

NEW YORK CITY—The Shouting Players present "The People Who Did It For You" (written for young people). Dec. 27-31. For info, call 212-564-9038.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

NEW BRUNSWICK—"Separation." Tom Kempton's unconventional love story makes it American debut thru Jan. 26 at the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave. For more info, call 908-246-7469.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

NEW BRUNSWICK—State Theatre presents "New York City Opera National Company 8:00 p.m." The nation's premiere touring company, New York City Opera National Company, returns with this all-time favorite Puccini classic. For more information, call 908-246-7469.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

RAHWAY—"Ain't Misbehavin'" will be featured at the Union County Arts Center, 1801 Irving St. at 8 p.m. For more info, call 908-489-8226.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1992

NEW YORK CITY—Thyia Therp will be performing at City Center through February 9. City Center is located at 130 West 55th Street. For more information call 212-581-7971.

City
News, It's
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Black
& True

NEW YORK—Everybody's talking about the controversy surrounding the release of Ice Cube's latest album, "Death Certificate." Billboard Magazine recently published an editorial charging that his unbridled expression of violence, justifying the murder of his former Jewish manager and that blacks burn down Korean-owned) crossed the line. The magazine went on to state that his lyrics expressed "the rawest sort of racism and hate mongering," dividing art from the advocacy of crime. L.A.'s Simon Wiesenthal Center called for boycott. Meanwhile, Korean merchants forced McKenzie River Corp (St. Idee) to stop commercials starring the rapper. Three thousand stars across the nation pulled the beer from their shelves last month in protest, alleging that disgruntled blacks could "burn your store right down to a crisp." The boycott ended when the company agreed to stop broadcasting the Ice Cube ads until the dispute was resolved.

While on the subject of boycotts, more than 180 black-owned

radio stations are threatening to "withdraw support" of Sony Music due to a "discriminatory pattern" of business with African Americans. Black owners were angered by the recent lack of Michael Jackson's "Black or White" single to top 40 radio in several markets, and say they will not add Sony product to their playlists until Sony executives meet with the National Organization of Black-owned Broadcasters (NOBB). They believe Epic Records purposely leaked the single to top 40 outlets ahead of its planned release to urban and other stations. The group also noted a dwindling number of black on-air executives as well as lack of advertising with black-owned media.

Length is a major consideration for Spike Lee's new Malcolm X film project (currently underway), as most agree the standard two-hour isn't nearly enough time. Those working on the project as it is they were sworn to secrecy. Lee is said to disregard everything he could get his hands on with regards to Malcolm

X, while also interviewing family, friends and associates, including Louis Farrakhan. Lee earlier came under attack from Amin Baraka, nee LeRoi Jones, who spoke vocal with his concerns that Spike could be exploiting Malcolm's story. Lee dismissed Baraka as being "full of s---." Fact is, most (including this columnist) tend to be rooting for Sony on this one. Hey, if it's doable, then surely Spike Lee can do it.

On the home front: Randy Jackson was recently ordered to undergo psychiatric treatment. The action came after arrest warrants were issued as 30-year-old Randy Jackson failed to show up to serve a 30-day jail sentence for beating his infant wife and daughter. His lawyer had said that Jackson was in an undisclosed hospital for an undisclosed reason. Jackson had earlier ignored a court order to participate in a domestic violence rehab program. His wife now says she'll file for divorce... On a lighter note, superstar rocker David Bowie is hush-hush on plans for his upcoming

wedding to top model, Iman. It will be the second marriage for Iman, who was previously married to former hoopster Spencer Haywood... And 20 years after his drug-related death in 1970 at the age of 27, Jimi Hendrix was finally awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Hollywood Swinging: Quincy Jones and Warner Bros. pulled out all the stops for its combination listening party and birthday party for Tavin Campbell, who the label is no doubt grooming as their new teen sensation. The 15-year-old

Campbell who first came to the attention of Quincy Jones and Prince, just released his debut album, T.E.V.I.N., on Jones' Qwest Records. The food was wonderful and among those on hand enjoying it were Narada Michael Walden, Al B. Sure, Bennie Mañana, and Siedah Garrett... By the way, Janet Jackson has been singled out for a special honor at the upcoming Image Awards. The 25-year-old singer, cited for her contributions to charity and humanitarian endeavors, will receive the NAACP's Chairman's Award...

Philadelphia's Fourth Annual Spectator Presidential Jazz Weekend

PHILADELPHIA—South Africa, Ethiopia, Brazil, Trinidad, Canada, and the United States—it'll be a truly international exchange of music, truth and culture from Feb. 14-17, 1992, when jazz artists from around the world perform in Philadelphia during the Fourth Annual Spectator Presidential Jazz Weekend.

The four-day, citywide celebration during Black History Month is a salute to the international language of music. Local, regional, national, and international jazz artists will present a broad spectrum of jazz rhythms and styles. From swing to bebop, fusion and beyond, jazz masters and emerging artists will share their repertoire at jazz events around the city and around the clock.

Artists performing during the weekend include Mercer Ellington with the Duke Ellington Orchestra,

Dakota Staton and Abbey Lincoln, Ethiopia's Aster Aweke, the Afro-Latin sounds of Papo Vazquez Bomba Jazz, the Teddy Panama Latin Jazz Ensemble, South Africa's Mahlatini and the Mahotella Queens, the Max Roach Quartet, Clark Terry, John Blake and the Clifford Jordan Big Band.

In addition to the stage performances there will also be jazz workshops for children, a multicultural craft bazaar, a jazz bus tour of neighborhood jazz clubs, a jazz laser show, tours of Philadelphia's historic sites, jazz brunches and lunches and more.

To receive a Fourth Annual Spectator Presidential Jazz Weekend brochure and complete visitors' information, call the Philadelphia Visitors Center at 215-636-1666.

Radioscope...

Broadway's Dreamgirl makes good Prince's Affair with Madonna Wilt Chamberlain's wild sex life?

NEW YORK—Jennifer Holiday has a new look, a new hit song, and a new man. Although it's been ten years, it's hard for most to think of Jennifer Holiday without thinking of the musical, "Dreamgirls." Her show-stopping performance of "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going" made her a star. With a Tony Award and two Grammys, it looked like success was headed Jennifer's way. Little did she know it would take ten years, and four albums, before her dream would come true. In fact, Jennifer's platinum success on Broadway didn't guarantee she'd make platinum albums. While still in "Dreamgirls" she released her first album, "Feel My Soul," featuring a number two hit, "I Am Love." The next two albums didn't do much of anything. That's when the walls began closing in on Jennifer. Getting closer on her feet wasn't easy. Currently riding high on the charts, Jennifer's made a powerful comeback with her new look and newest release "I'm on Your Side." It took Jennifer two years to complete this album. Although her forte is ballads, Jennifer decided to get wild, loose, and hip by doing some rapping on a track called "Guilty." Jennifer has come back more positive and more energetic than ever. Part of the reason... her new body. She dropped 125 pounds! At first she was afraid her weight loss would affect her voice. Not a chance. Still some of the credit for Jennifer's new attitude and weight loss goes to her new singer-songwriter husband, Billy Meadows whom she met last year while working on this album. By Valentine's Day, he'd popped the question. And now Broadway's dreamgirl is a happily married lady, who's soon going to greater heights... From the PP-T (People, Places & Things) File: Prince's affair with pop princess Madonna, and her outings with Michael Jackson are all

unveiled in Christopher Anderson's book "Madonna Unauthorized." The novel's already topped New York's best seller's list. It details Madonna's sexual escapades, her need for control and power, and her lust for attention. According to the book, Madonna always wanted to surround herself with powerful people. In 1985 she found herself intrigued by a man who a year earlier, rocked the pop world with his "Purple Rain." Prince first spotted Madonna backstage at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles. Rather than introduce himself, he had his manager get her number. The next day he called and they set up a date—one that led to romance. Madonna was still dating her soon-to-be-hubby Sean Penn at the time and he wasn't a bit happy with this Prince and Madonna thing, but the book says Madonna was very intrigued. Not only was she attracted to his power and fame, but she was impressed with his "spiritualist" side. Prince was very drawn to Madonna's keen intelligence. A straight-A honors student, she has a 140 genius level IQ, he told friends. "She's exactly what I've been looking for—beauty and brains." But what he wasn't looking for was long term commitments. As to Michael Jackson—despite their competitiveness, Madonna and Michael teamed up for the Academy Awards. Most of us saw pictures of the odd couple at the awards show and at a party later that evening at the restaurant to the stars, Spago's. But what many of us don't know is what went on after the two got home. Anderson's really got the 4-1-1 on the "Material Girl" and whether or not you're a Madonna fan, this book is a definite "must read." Basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain has published his own autobiography titled "A View From Above" in which he claims to have had sexual encounters

with 20,000 different women. The numbers were tallied from date books he's kept since 1969. He says the numbers break down to 500 encounters a year for the past 40 years or 12 women a day, everyday since he was 15...

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Meet: Michael Camp, Manager, Communications-Nuclear

Michael Camp shines as an example of how PSEG & employees work hard at their jobs while giving many valuable hours in community service. The Hampton University graduate, with more than 20 years in the field, is Manager, Communications-Nuclear Division, Salem, NJ. She is responsible for public information, employee communications, and community relations. She also coordinates an employee volunteer program.

Ms. Camp's personal community service activities include Board Member, United Way Salem County and the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism. Her community service is founded on the belief that, in order to improve the quality of the lives within our communities, we must take time out of our busy schedules and "chip in." PSEG & wants to follow up on Ms. Camp's advice "you have to have the willingness to give of yourself in order to make a difference." Help put the power in your community's hands through volunteer support. Please write or call to get the power in your hands.

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Kwanzaa celebrated Senegalese style at JCSC

JERSEY CITY—Drums of Fire and United Ballet Africaine will present "An Evening of Senegalese Dance and Culture" to celebrate Kwanzaa at Jersey City State College on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Michael J. Gilliam Student Union Building, 3039 Kennedy Boulevard. Drums of Fire, and ensemble that has performed throughout the world, was founded in 1975 by master percussionist Mr. Thiam, a renowned musician, composer, dancer, singer, and teacher who was

born in Dakar, Senegal. Thiam has most recently performed with the World Saxophone Quartet and on the "Bill Cosby and Friends" album. He has toured Europe with Alvin Ailey's Ballet and in 1974 performed with Nancy Wilson and B.B. King in a charity concert held at the White House to benefit the African Sahara drought victims.

For more information about "An Evening of Senegalese Dance and Culture," call 201-200-2253.

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CITY BUSINESS

Help Wanted

BUSINESS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

NEWARK—Breakfast Forum: "Customer Service in All Phases of Your Business; Why is it Important?" sponsored by the Greater Newark Small, Women & Minority Business Council at Anchor-Busch, Route 1-9. Fee \$10. For info, call 201-624-1007.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

TRENTON—The Business Over Breakfast series will present "How Your Business Can Reduce Employee Layoffs at Mercer County Community College from 8 to 10:30 a.m. For more information call 609-586-9446.

NEWARK—The Newark Chapter #15 of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will conduct a pre-business workshop on NJ Bell Telephone Company at 540 Broad Street from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The workshop, entitled, "Starting and Managing Your Own Business." For more information call 201-645-3882.

NEW YORK CITY—The US General Services Administration is sponsoring a Minority Business Breakfast for networking purposes from 9 to 10 a.m. at Stark's Versatile Restaurant at 319 Broadway. RSVP by December 13. For more information call 212-264-1234.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

NEWARK—The Home based business will be discussed from 7 to 8:30 a.m. as part of the Big Your Own Boss Series in the Atlantic Room of the Hilton Gateway Hotel, Raymond Blvd. 5421.

Send your business calendar events to City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

Business Exchange...

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC (DREW) — What ya gonna be doin' in years from now? According to a "Workforce 2000" study by the Hudson Institute, 85 percent of the new entrants in the American workforce during the latter 1990s will be women and minorities. So, the next 10 years could be boom professional employment times for African Americans. Despite the fact that during the past three decades women and minorities made limited progress in climbing corporate ladders after getting inside in restricted numbers, in the 90s the currently dominate white male group of executives will comprise just 15 percent of the people entering the US workforce. So now in the early 90s, America's companies, such as the Fortune 500s, are employing multiple strategies for integrating all of their job ranks and African Americans, who are un- and under-employed, should move to seize the moment while the window of opportunity is open.

Young success oriented black men and women should test the open window of The Prudential Insurance Company of America's Managing Diversity Program. An aggressive effort to attract more women and minorities to its 25,000 person sales force, The Prudential's

program was developed in response to the Hudson Study and the internal leadership of its black Vice President, Booker Rice. The Pru wants its salesforce to mirror the Hudson figures and enhance its Managing Diversity objectives by utilizing a special Agent Career Path Program developed by Mr. Rice and his Executive level staff.

The limited pool of black college educated professionals they have unlimited opportunities with The Rock. Big Pru is the world's largest insurance company and one of the planet's leading financial institutions. Involved in real estate, urban building projects, pension plans, and other broadly diversified portfolio investments that collectively total over \$200 billion, Prudential Insurance is financially larger than scores of national governments around the world. Starting at a base salary of \$30,000 per year with Prudential, minorities and female professionals can gain a high degree of security and advancement opportunities through, this contemporary "outreach" diversity program.

Mr. Rice, who is a listee in Who's Who in Black Corporate America and a major sponsor of John Johnson's Ebony/let Guide to Black Excellence, is a senior level Career Marketing Officer for Prudential. He is responsible for the

development and implementation of the Managing Diversity Program. He started as a Pru sales agent and is the company's first black officer. He openly explains that his program seeks not only people for career opportunities inside Prudential, but also wants the company's image to be enhanced among potential policy purchasers in minority communities. A native of Chicago and graduate of Notre Dame, Rice states that, "Understanding cultural differences and the values of these cultures will keep us way ahead of the competi-

tion. Part of our strategy is to get out and talk to people in the community and help our agents attract sales and people to our marketing organization. We want people who want to grow, make a lot of money, and help their community."

Rice's program includes special seminars for Big Pru's executive and mid-level management to help them see the economic and social value of diversity in their employment and consumer ranks. He also oversees mentoring development for new agents, and pro-

motes aggressive marketing of the company's employment opportunities through national advertising and participation in special events and employment fairs where minorities reside or gather.

Prudential Insurance Company, via Booker Rice, has a "help wanted sign" outside its personnel door. People interested in a "no better" life ten years from now, should send a letter and/or resume to: Managing Diversity, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, 213 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102.

Minority-owned investment counseling firm formed

ATLANTA — The principals of Pryor, McClendon, Counts & Co. Inc. (PMC), one of the nation's premier minority-owned investment banking firms, are pleased to announce the formation of a new Atlanta-based investment counseling concern, Wedgewood Equities, Inc.

The managing director and senior investment officer of the new firm is William B. Astrop. Astrop, founder and chairman of Astrop Advisory Corp. and founder and former chairman of Atlanta Capital Management, is one of Atlanta's

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TRANSIT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT PLAN

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is required to conduct public hearings in New Jersey in order to gather information from interested citizens concerning the Complementary Paratransit Plan that NJ TRANSIT must submit to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) by January 26, 1992 in accordance with the Title II mandate set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). This plan has been developed by NJ TRANSIT in cooperation with individuals with disabilities around the State. The ADA places a mandate on public entities operating a fixed route system to provide paratransit or other special service to individuals with disabilities that is comparable to the level of service provided to individuals with disabilities who use the fixed route system.

Public hearings will be held in New Brunswick, Cherry Hill and Newark in accordance with Section 37.17(b)(4) of Title II of the ADA. The public is invited to these hearings at which time they will have a full opportunity to express their views. In order to assure that all members of the public are given an opportunity to be heard, initial presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes. If you wish to attend any of the hearings, written comments for the record may be sent to Mr. Albert R. Hachbuch, III, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246 by December 20, 1991. In accordance with the above regulation, public hearings will be held as follows:

- PLACE:** New Jersey Law Center
Auditorium
One Constitution Square
New Brunswick, New Jersey
DATE: December 16, 1991, Monday
TIME: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- PLACE:** Hyatt Cherry Hill
(see Reader Board in Lobby for room location)
2349 West Marlton Pike
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002
DATE: December 17, 1991, Tuesday
TIME: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- PLACE:** New Jersey Transit Corporation
Board Room
One Penn Plaza East
Newark, New Jersey
DATE: December 19, 1991, Thursday
TIME: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

MORRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

ADVERTISEMENT
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will receive bids for "Administration Building Addition" at Morris Morris Senior Citizen Housing, 1000 Morris Avenue, New Jersey 07922 at the office of the Housing Authority, at Ketch Road, Morristown, New Jersey, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids should be submitted in SEALED ENVELOPES, addressed to the Housing Authority and clearly marked outside with the project name and number. No bids will be received by mail, facsimile transmission or overnight delivery services. Bids received after the indicated opening time will be rejected and returned.

ONE BID will be taken for all work. A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, all work as described in the specifications and shown on the drawings.

Copies of the Documents, including Drawings, Technical Specifications and Addenda may be obtained at the office of The RIBA Group, Architectural Division, 1 Evergreen Place, P.O. Box 1927, Morristown, New Jersey 07962-1927, during office hours, Thursday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., by depositing a check in the amount of \$50.00 with the Architect for each set of Documents to be obtained. Such deposit will be refunded to each Bidder who returns the Documents in good condition within ten (10) days after bid opening. (Deposit will be returned for only one set of Documents). Requests for mailing of contract documents must not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in duplicate.

Bidders must use and complete fully, proposal blanks within the specifications furnished by the Morris County Housing Authority and comply with all requirements attached thereto including Certified Check or Bid Bond, in an amount not less than 10% of the amount for which the bid is submitted, but no case in excess of \$20,000 furnished by a Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Within ten (10) days the successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds.

The Housing Authority of Morris County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and no bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to opening bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of Morris County.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MORRIS COUNTY
12-4-91
Robert Strater

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS is soliciting proposals for a financial audit for fiscal year ending December 31, 1991.

The Authority presently administers the following:

Public Housing Administration - 247
Public Housing Development - 115
Section 8 Certificate & Voucher - 334
FmHA 515/Section 8 - 101

Proposals must include submission of cost, detailing a fee structure for all services to be performed and a statement of qualifications, which shall include experience in the auditing of HUD and FmHA programs.

All proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 1991 to the Housing Authority of Morris County, 99 Ketch Road, Morristown, NJ. PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STATED DATE AND TIME.

All interested firms should contact the Authority at the above address or by calling (201) 443-0363.
November 20, 1991
Robert L. Strater
Executive Director

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INVITATION TO BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Orange will receive sealed bids in duplicate until 1:00 p.m. December 30, 1991 at the office of the Authority, 340 Thomas Boulevard, Orange, New Jersey, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the following services:

Project No.	Name of Project	Address of Project	No. of Bids	No. of Units
NJ-25-1	Dr. Walter G. Alexander Court	96-108 Parrow St. 97-187 Wilson Pl. 85 Wilson Place	2	140 Community Bldg
NJ-25-2	Father Rest Homes	332-340 Gray St. 235-339 Mechanic St. 125 Essex Avenue	2	140 Community Bldg
NJ-25-3	Washington Manor	340 Thomas Boulevard	1	250 Plus Admin. Offices

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum wage rates as set forth in the Conditions must be paid on this project.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including Detailed Specifications, are on file and may be examined and obtained at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange, 340 Thomas Boulevard, Orange, New Jersey. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange, U.S. Government Bond or satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the bidder and a surety company, in an amount equal to ten (10%) percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange.

The Housing Authority of the City of Orange reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ORANGE
William Reid, Executive Director

DATED: December 4, 1991

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) requests that qualified firms/agents submit sealed proposals for a Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance Policy for a period of 3 years.

Proposal information may be obtained at the Authority's Purchasing Department located at 333 Passaic Street, New Jersey 07055, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling (201) 473-4900 extension 24.

Proposal must be received by the Authority on or before Monday, December 3, 1991 at 12:00 noon (prevailing time).

12-4-91 G.M. Russo
Purchasing Assistant

FAX YOUR BIDS TO 908-754-3403

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CONSULTANT

The Atlantic County Improvement Authority is hereby soliciting proposals from qualified persons or firms to serve as an Affirmative Action or M/WBE Consultant. The work includes reviewing Authority Affirmative Action documents and making recommendations for improvement.

Proposals must include submission of cost proposals detailing a fee structure for all services to be performed, a statement of qualifications and all other information as required by the RFP.

The Atlantic County Improvement Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

If awarded a contract, your company or firm will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127, the New Jersey Affirmative Action Laws.

The RFP will be available beginning December 2, 1991. All responses must be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, December 20, 1991 to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, 1333 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 700, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401. Attention: Susan Fowler, Esquire.

Interested parties should contact Susan Fowler, Esquire at the above address or call 908-343-2390 to obtain all RFP information.

November 27, 1991
Susan Fowler, Esquire
Staff Counsel

REQUEST FOR INTEREST THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey plans to issue a Request for Proposals for the provision of public telephones and local, intra-LATA, and inter-LATA services at its transportation and other facilities. Companies wishing to be placed on the mailing list for the RFP should send requests by December 13, 1991 to: Aviation Center Business Division (Public Telephone RFP) - Port Authority of New York & New Jersey - One World Trade Center 6th Dept 17 - New York, NY 10048 - FAX: (212) 435-3717. It is anticipated that the RFP documents will be available in about a month. No phone requests please.

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Susan Fowler, Esquire
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A copy of the specific details of each coverage, as well as other relevant information is available from the Housing Authority of the City of Newark, Contract Division, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, 07103.

Proposals shall in no way be considered as competitive bids; they shall be evaluated on an individual merit. The Housing Authority of the City of Newark reserves the right to reject, accept or request modification of any proposal submitted in response to this request.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held Thursday, December 19, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. at the Housing Authority in conference room G106.

Closing date for submission of proposals is January 8, 1992 at 10:00 p.m. No proposals will be accepted after this time. Proposals are to be submitted in triplicate to the attention of Jose M. Martinez at 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103.

For further information call Ms. Lucy G. Dodson at 201-430-2468.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

Benjamin R. Ball
Assistant Executive Director

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CLOSURE OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administration Offices of the Authority located at 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey, on December 23, 1991 at 10 AM, prevailing time. All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time for the closure of the UST, for a single complete contract. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

All work incidental thereto, in accordance with specifications prepared by Paul Sokolowski and Son, Inc., Consulting Engineers 67 A Mountain Boulevard Extension, P.O. Box 4039, Warren, New Jersey 07059-0039.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the following amounts:

BIDS	AMOUNT
up to \$200,000	10%
\$200,000-400,000	\$20,000
over \$400,001	5%

Bids must be accompanied by a surety regardless of whether a check or Bid Bond is submitted. All Bonds and consents of Surety must be written by Surety Companies listed in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Offices of the Authority. Copies of Contract Documents may also be obtained at said offices upon payment by check or bank draft in the amount of \$50.00 payable to MAILED, \$50.00 Fee is NOT refundable.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond, written by a surety listed in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury the full amount of the Contract in such form as the Authority may prescribe and with such Sures as they may approve.

All Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the Laws of the State of New Jersey, must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action," and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

Lorraine R. Jackson
Executive Director
Morristown Housing Authority

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It must be said!

Mets still looking for a quick fix

by Alex Cliff

Tuesday, December 3, 1991, the New York Mets signed free agent Bobby Bonilla to a monstrous \$29 million contract for the next five years. A week or so before that, they signed former L.A. dodger Eddie Murray, and a few months before that they signed Jeff Torborg into taking over the troubled helm with big fat contracts. This does not even include Dwight Gooden's megabucks contract from last year nor Vince Coleman's.

With all this money flying around, it's a wonder anyone will be able to field a ground ball — their pockets are too heavy.

I'm sorry, all I show me is that the Mets want it NOW! The perennial "best team in baseball" with only one World Series ring to show for it in recent history, is just not going to take it anymore. They're not going to spend and spend, until they get the exact pieces for a championship puzzle.

I have a question? Was George Steinbrenner reincarnated into the form of Mets' GM Al Hirschman? I have a question? Was George Steinbrenner reincarnated into the form of Mets' GM Al Hirschman? I have a question? Was George Steinbrenner reincarnated into the form of Mets' GM Al Hirschman?

My other question is, is it enough for the Mets? Is the still productive but past his prime Eddie Murray and the O.K. fielding of Bonilla going to get them over the hump? After all, when we last left Metville, Gregg Jefferies, Kevin McReynolds, and Frank Viola along with David Cone were crying a flood of tears. They were dissatisfied and unhappy with the team that was so good they couldn't win.

I've always said that the Mets have attitude problem. It was like the guy who was poor all his life then hit the lottery and was all of a sudden too good to socialize with the old crew anymore. When the Mets won the World Series in 1986, they turned into monsters. First of all, they were only liked by their fans. Other teams weren't too fond of the "old school" type of ball they played — too rough and dirty. And then, the changes came. Mookie — gone, Ray Knight — no, you're not getting a million bucks, Randy Myers — we don't need you, nor Roger McDowell. We need Viola and John Franco. And no, we sure don't need the trouble making Starn.

The only consistent Met that I've seen in the last few years has been Howard Johnson. He is quiet, stays out of trouble, and he hits the ball from April until October. The rest of the Mets are too busy crying to worry about baseball.

Good luck Mets. I know you've lived in the shadow of the Yankees for years and here's your chance to really take New York. While the Yankees try to figure out that it's piling that wins pennants, (just ask the Atlanta Braves, and the 1990 Cincinnati Reds), the Mets will be putting down their boxing gloves and slipping on their batting gloves. Time will tell, after all, the greatest example of big contracts and no pennants is only on the other side of the Big Apple.

Cliff Notes... No bucks for the Bucs. My Dad told me that the Pittsburgh Pirates have no dough. It's evident. They didn't even try to keep Bonilla and now Bonds is being placed on the trading block. Well, the Pirates had their chance for it all last year. It's just that when the Playoffs start, the big game named Bonilla, Bonds, and Van Slyke shoot blanks.

The New York Nets were so happy that forward Derrick Coleman was back that they beat the Sixers December 3 at the Meadowlands. The Nets have missed the aggressive play of the former Syracuse All-American who played 29 min-

utes, scored 13 points, and grabbed 8 rebounds after missing 8 games due to an ankle injury.

And spending of the Syracuse Orangemen, they had the nerve to stomp on Florida State that same night as part of the Big East/ACC Challenge. Now you know, the Orangemen are suffering from the heat of controversy and are being threatened with probation by the NCAA. Usually seen as a Big East and national powerhouse, the Orangemen are just trying to win some games, and stay out of the NIT.

But, the Conrad McRae controversy, which is probably what forced Billy Owens into making a quick exit, still looms over the program from last year. McRae has been named permanently ineligible by the NCAA pending an appeal before the NCAA Eligibility Committee. It's been said that during his recruitment, McRae was driven to an SU game and given some tickets. No nos from the NCAA.

So, without their typical "big man" the Orange had to use some savvy and play a "perimeter game." Taking outside shots galore, this year's star David Johnson dropped 29 points and going for 11 from 3-point land. Wow! The Orange just

don't shoot from the outside. It's nice to see them pushing the ball upcourt and playing an aggressive game. I don't like Jim Boeheim much as a coach, he has the Ray Handley disease, but let's see if he can stop getting outcoached and stop being intimidated by John Thompson.

Oh, and my pick for the Big East, keep your eye on the Pirates. P.J. Carlsimo always has his team game ready and I think he's one of the craftiest but unsung coaches out there.

What do you think? Let me know. Write to Alex Cliff, 144 North Avenue, Plainfield, N.J. 07063.

As I See It...

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stand for anymore educational neglect and be prepared to attack school administrators, teachers, and elected officials.

The record clearly shows the poorest among us, the chronic unemployed, the criminal and the incarcerated are mostly high school dropouts and students who somehow manage not to go to school at all and believe it or not, there are many young people who have never seen the inside of a school and others who drop out of sight after the fifth and sixth grades. Nobody seems to care about these unfortunate, not the schools nor the teachers nor

members of the family.

Those of us who lauded President Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" and the headstart program which gives poor children a leg up as they prepare to enter schools, should repeat to ourselves and our children, his thoughts on the importance of education: In 1963 vice president Johnson said:

"We have entered an age in which education is not just a luxury permitting some men an advantage over others. It has become a necessity without which a person is defenseless in this complex, industrialized society... We have truly entered the century of the educated man..."

Two Newark health programs announced

NEWARK — Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently voiced his support for an innovative adolescent AIDS and substance abuse counseling initiative sponsored by the Newark Health and Human Services Department.

Project T.O.R.C.H. (Teen Outreach Resources Counseling and Health) under the coordination of Gwenevere Motley, HHS assistant health educator, initially consisted of 45 teens from Arts, Central, and St. Benedict's High Schools who were trained in substance abuse prevention, decision-making, crisis management, self-esteem, and conflict resolution counseling for their peers. Next year, according to Ms. Motley, the program will be expanded to include all of Newark's high schools.

Bohi Ruffin, HHS director said, "The current T.O.R.C.H. students will be certified as the first professional adolescent health educators in New Jersey. That is quite an accomplishment."

The Mayor hailed T.O.R.C.H. "as an exciting, effective and creative way to get the message to young people about the seriousness of AIDS. What better way to

reach high school students than with other teenagers? This is another weapon in the City's arsenal to fight this fatal illness."

The T.O.R.C.H. program's startup cost was financed totally with seed money from the Prudential Foundation, Ruffin noted.

In addition to T.O.R.C.H., the City is also seeking private sector support for a counseling and referral project called, "Just for Me," a program designed for women by women to address the psychological and social aspects surrounding HIV infection that particularly concern women.

Ruffin explained that the program will be presented in a series of mini-conferences, and was specifically developed to help women at risk share information, negotiation skills, and resources with women in their community.

"The goal of 'Just for Me' is to decrease the spread of HIV infection and encourage care for those already infected," Ruffin said.

For more information on either of these programs, please contact Ruffin at the HHS office, 110 William Street 201-733-5310.

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Stacey Peterson

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selves. I set goals for myself every day, week, every month, and every year. With the New Year coming up, I'm outlining the place I'd like to be in my life by the end of 1992. It's essential to my life and I strongly recommend it to others."

A native of Plainfield, Ms. Peterson graduated from Plainfield High School in 1984 and still resides in the Queen City.